



The Money Monitor

...keeping track of how Washington wants to spend your money

Week of March 26-30, 2001

Five-year cost of House authorizations passed *this week*:

\$753,500,000.00

H.R. 811	(Veterans' Hospital Emergency Repair Act)	\$550.0 million
H.Res. 84	(Committee Funding Resolution)	\$203.5 million

WEEKLY TOTAL OF FIVE-YEAR COSTS \$753.5 million

Year-to-date total of five-year costs of House authorizations:

\$1,091,200,000.00

Five-year cost of House mandatory spending passed *this week*:

\$16,000,000,000.00

H.R. 801	(Veterans' Opportunities Act)	\$16.0 billion
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WEEKLY TOTAL OF FIVE-YEAR COSTS \$16.0 billion

Year-to-date total of five-year costs of House mandatory spending:

\$16,000,000,000.00

An authorization explicitly allows funding for a certain program and / or directs a federal agency to take a certain action. Authorizations express the House's intent to spend, however, actual funding is provided through the annual appropriations process. Authorizations that would result in no net cost are not reported here.

Mandatory spending directly establishes an appropriation. No subsequent action is required for the money to be spent.

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